

**THE UNITED BENEFICE OF
ST PETER'S, OVER WALLOP and ST ANDREW'S, NETHER WALLOP**

Services for January

Sun 1 Jan Epiphany	8.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 10.30a.m.	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Service (CW)	St Andrew's St Andrew's St Peter's	+GC +GC CG
Sun 8 Jan Baptism of Christ	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Family Service/SMP Evening Prayer	St Peter's St Andrew's St Peter's	+GC CG CG
Sun 15 Jan Epiphany 2	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion (with hymns) Evening Prayer	St Andrew's St Peter's St Andrew's	+GC +GC CS
Sun 22 Jan Conversion of St Paul	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion (with hymns) Mattins	St Peter's St Andrew's St Peter's	+GC +GC TH
Sun 29 Jan Presentation of Christ	8.30 a.m. 10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion Holy Communion (with hymns)	St Andrew's St Peter's	+GC +GC
Sun 5 Feb 4 Lent Proper 1	8.30 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 10.30a.m.	Holy Communion Family Communion Family Service (CW)	St Andrew's St Andrew's St Peter's	+GC +GC CG

Note : CW indicates material from Common Worship. SMP + Shorter Morning Prayer
 Officiants: PM = Peter Matthews, +GC = Guy Chapman, CG = Colin Gillespie,
 CS = Colin Stevenson, TH = Tony Hope, RB = Roger Bennett, VP = Visiting Priest

CHALLENGERS

Challengers for children from both villages meets at 10.30 a.m. in St Peter's Church Hall every Sunday
 except the first Sunday in the month.

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Colin Stevenson	Reader	781513
Colin Gillespie	Reader	781167
Tony Hope	Lay Minister	781489
Jean Hicks	Sunday School Leader	781000

St Peter's, Over Wallop

St Andrew's, Nether Wallop

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Dear Neighbours,

Once more, the celebration of a New Year is before us. It is a time when people around the world can feel good about having the chance to turn a new page. The beginning of a New Year offers a time of new opportunities and a fresh start. Those who throughout the year struggled with crises and setbacks can press forward to new beginnings. As the saying goes, "Out with the old, and in with the new." At each New Year, some people try to break old habits and to change old ways. The idea of this kind of thinking is to bring about positive and creative behaviour in the year to come, to be refocused and purpose-driven with enthusiasm and optimism.

Maybe it is time for our churches to take stock. I have covered for Peter for the past few months and have had a taste of what really goes on in the life of the Church. Some of it is not very good. Some people are working together in spite of the church, the Fellowship for example. But, some are playing games and politics for their own ends. The Church exists because of its members, but some members can wield a lot of power over others. Do you know who your PCC members are and do you express your views for them to represent you? What kind of worshipping community do you want to belong to? At the crib service in St Andrew's and St Peter's the little ones built the crib together, so we all have to work together to build His Kingdom here in the Wallops. If we are not working together, in the name of Christ, to further His Kingdom, what are we in church for? Maybe outsiders only see the bickering between churches and call us hypocrites. We are meant to be united in Christ – not united in St Peter's or St Andrew's. These buildings are places of worship not museums of the past. Of course the buildings are important, of course they have to be maintained and looked after, but look at the history of our churches and see how many times they have been altered and services changed over the generations. Why are we so frightened of new beginnings? This year let us get back to basics. Christ was born for us, if we cannot come together in Christ we fail our children and we fail Him. Remember we are all Christians and Christ is first as a Christian; One Faith, One Lord, One Church.

I came across a few quotes on the Internet. Do any of these strike a chord? "Live churches have parking problems; dead churches have empty spaces! Live churches may have some noisy children; dead churches are quiet as a cemetery. Live churches keep changing their ways of doing things; dead churches see no need for change! Live churches grow so fast you can't keep up with people's names; in dead churches everybody always knows everybody's name. Live churches give to others; dead churches keep the money at home! Live churches take risks to grow; dead churches fear spending the money, time, and talent! Live churches' members look for someone they can help; dead churches' members look for something to complain about! Live churches' members reach out to share their faith in Christ; dead churches' members don't have enough to share!"

How long has it been since someone came to faith in Christ because of our churches? Are we reaching the unchurched, or are we simply providing a place for Christians to gather? Is our focus on reaching the lost, or are we satisfied with ministering to the saved? We are not a warehouse to store the saved, we are a lighthouse! Jesus said, "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16) Are we reaching out into the Wallops? Are we looking for new ways to reach those who don't have the same traditions we do? What are we willing to do to make Christ come alive in us?

To move into a new beginning we must forget the things of yesterday, letting go and pressing forward to new and better things. 2005 has passed and 2006 is a gift from heaven. Learn to give thanks and to take one day at a time. We cannot live in the past, but the things of the past are valuable and will not vanish overnight. Rather than "change" let us think of "evolve". The idea of one priest in one church has gone; we all have to share and work as a team. It is uncomfortable to face new beginnings, but new things can be good especially if they blend with the old. Happy New Year!

Yours in Christ,
Colin Gillespie, Reader.

NOTES FOR JANUARY 2006

Can I take this opportunity to remind every one of the developing Family Services at St Andrew's (2nd Sunday) and St Peter's (1st Sunday). These are Family worship not Children's worship. I hope there is something in there for everyone. We are still maintaining the traditional Evensong and Mattins, also the 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion and main sung Communion. See the Services page for details and times. We are trying to provide Christian nourishment and fellowship for all tastes and there is a variety of worship to choose from. Please have patience with those whose ideas are not the same as yours.

Colin Gillespie

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The Christingle Service this year was a great success. My thanks (and those of the children who will benefit) go to everyone who helped in the making of the Christingles. I would also like to thank Mrs Eileen Wilmott whose kind donation paid for the oranges. But my biggest thanks go to all who attended the service and gave so generously. Thanks to you we raised £303.71, the largest amount ever in the Wallops, from the collection on the night. Thank You.

Jacqui Gillespie – Hon. Sec. The Wallops Children's Society

SHELTER BOXES

We would like to thank all who supported our efforts to raise fund for Shelter Boxes for Pakistan earthquake victims in Kashmir. Our Coffee Morning on 3 December attracted a good number of people. Many had brought gifts and Christmas fayre in the shape of puddings, cakes, mince pies, truffles and other delicacies. There were Christmas decorations freshly made. Everything was sold and our usual customers enjoyed their coffee and cake. It was also lovely to see new faces in our midst.

As usual, we had teams of helpers from both Nether and Over Wallop, a good example of co-operation between the parishes. Eileen Wilmott ran a raffle. We had a number of generous donations and the total outcome exceeded our expectations. We eventually managed to raise close to £1000 so we were able to send sufficient funds for two Shelter Boxes with contents, to the Rotary Club at Helston, Cornwall, who administer this charity.

We are truly grateful to everyone who played a part in this success. Margaret Bowes and Daphne Waine on behalf of the Wallops Fellowship.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE WALLOP PARISH NEWS 2006

Subscribers to the Parish News are reminded that the annual subscription for 2006 for the magazine, **which remains at £5**, is due on 1 January 2006. Your magazine distributor will be calling from December onwards to collect annual subscriptions. It would be very helpful if you could be prepared to pay them your subscription promptly.

Cheques should be made out to "St Peter's PCC".

Thank you
Bob Pike (781170)

ST ANDREW'S ORGAN AND ORGANIST

Sponsorship forms and cheques have continued to arrive from generous parishioners, ex-parishioners and friends. We are extremely grateful and thank everyone who has contributed. The word 'Dedication' was unfortunately omitted from the forms but if anyone wishes to dedicate their pipe and has not written it on their form please ring me on 781500 and your chosen name or names will be added to the list. There are of course still more pipes waiting for sponsorship.

After one of our services a member of the congregation who was enjoying Peter Barrie's playing asked me how we had found him. She was intrigued by my answer, perhaps you will be too.

At the beginning of November 2003, in the days when Sarah Stewart used to play for our morning services, she rang me to say that she was needed at school in Sherborne on the morning of Remembrance Sunday so could not play for us. As I had done many times before I rang all the possible organists but of course every church in the land has a morning service on Remembrance Sunday so no-one was available. In desperation I rang Robert Fielding who played so wonderfully for us for just three months some years ago. I asked if he knew of any organ students capable of playing 'Jerusalem' and he gave me the telephone number of a fifteen-year-old schoolboy called Ian Jasper. I rang his mother who brought him over and he agreed to play although he was very nervous never having played for a church service before. The day before Remembrance Sunday Mrs Jasper brought Ian over to practise and while they were there a young man, keenly interested in church architecture, came in to look around.

Hearing Ian struggle with the organ he asked if he could help and sorted out the best stops to use. He chatted to Mrs Jasper and asked if the church needed an organist. She thought we must do so the young man wrote his name and telephone number on a scrap of paper which Mrs Jasper gave to me the next morning. I lost no time in following up such a promising lead as I knew Sarah would be leaving us the following summer.

The rest is history, the young man was Peter Barrie and he played for occasional services until Sarah left and then he became our full time organist. Since then he has introduced new music, inspired the choir with his enthusiasm, treated us to his exciting organ playing and taken on the Chairmanship of the Organ Restoration Committee, an onerous task. What would we do without him!

Going back to the beginning of this tale, what if Peter had walked into St Andrew's an hour earlier or an hour later? What if Sarah had not been needed in Dorset and young Ian had not needed to be practising? I did not 'find' Peter but I am very glad that he found us, the answer to our prayers. 'God moves in mysterious way his wonders to perform'.

Jackie Fenn

LACEMAKERS

Can you make lace? Would you like to learn how to?

A friendly group of lacemakers, some beginners, some experienced, meet on Thursday evenings in Porton Village Hall. We have a very good, patient tutor who will teach from scratch or help you brush up your existing skills. Absolute beginners are very welcome.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Allison Long on 781181 or ring our tutor direct - Jan Gardiner on 01980 611932.

A FLIGHT TO AUSTRALIA, FOLLOWING A GUIDED TOUR OF POMPEII, AND A CRUISE TO ANTARCTICA... DID YOU COME WITH US?

In the closing months of 2005 we travelled to distant parts in the company of expert guides. This, of course, was during the last three meetings of the Wallop Valley Field Club's year. Our guides were the archaeologist and historian, Denise Allen for the Mediterranean trip; the senior meteorologist at Boscombe Dawn, Phil Read, for the Antarctic cruise; and lastly Dr John Eyre, Chairman of Hants Ornithological Society for the journey to Australia.

Why not join the club and go places with us during 2006? You'd be warmly welcomed at our New Year Party and AGM on Thursday 26 January at the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30p.m. But this report is really about...

OUR TRIP DOWN UNDER - IN A SINGLE SURPRISING EVENING

The variety and abundance of Australia's birdlife was brought home to us at our November meeting by our guest speaker, John Eyre. His brilliant colour slide presentation focused on his very own personal choices from what he termed 'The wonderful wizard birds of Oz'. Many of them were so rare, so interesting, and so exotic that we were taken by surprise, again and again. Was it a dead tree branch we were looking at? No, it was a bird - the wonderfully camouflaged tawny frogmouth. And, surprise, surprise, its mate also had to be pointed out to us, sitting right next to it.

We quickly realised that John's preferred Aussie birds had been tracked down to their distinctive habitats by his well-informed travel planning. In fact the southern continent's vast number of wildlife habitats is legion. We were shown the eucalyptus-clad south-east highlands; then a beach on Phillip Island (for fairy penguins); the dry central plains (for the owllet nightjar, and the amazing malleefowl that adjusts the temperature of its earth mound nest by adding or removing soil over its hidden eggs). We saw birds in the high grass lands of Queensland's Atherton Tableland; on the humid tropical Lamington Plateau; and then we were off to Cairns for boat trips to islands along the Great Barrier Reef. It was birds, birds, all the way.

Honey-eaters, rainbow bee-eaters, pink cockatoos, the golden bowerbird, the fairy wren, wedge-tailed eagle, king parrots, rosellas and galahs; and another surprise far us all, learning that there are birds of paradise on the Cape York Peninsular, similar to some of those across the Torres Strait in New Guinea.

John had also ventured well offshore to show us exciting boat-to-air photography of white-fronted terns, providence petrels, diving gannets, and perhaps the most spectacular aviators of the southern hemisphere, the royal, yellow nosed, black-browed and wandering albatrosses - the last having a wingspan of over 11 feet.

A spectacular evening's journey, indeed. But the superb lyrebird and kookaburra were sadly omitted on this trip. Never mind, we had all enjoyed an adventurous travelogue to out-of-the-way regions while being given privileged glimpses into the lives of birds that even an Australian-born wildlife enthusiast like me had never laid eyes on.

We regularly find that Field Club meetings which have such distinguished and entertaining speakers are richly rewarding experiences, and I'm sure you'll find the same if you join us.

Brian Kinch

THE WALLOPS W.I. ANNUAL JUMBLE SALE

Get the New Year off to a flying start by clearing out those wardrobes, cupboards and drawers and bringing any donations of jumble or unwanted Christmas gifts to the Wallops Parish Hall from 9.30a.m. on Saturday 21 January. If you have any large or bulky items, please contact Pam Quick on 781292 or Beth Cunningham Brown on 781061 and arrangements will be made for them to be collected. The fun starts on Saturday 21 January from 2.00p.m. until 4.00p.m. and there will be the usual jumble, nearly new, bric a brac, toys, cake stall and the all important raffle. Refreshments will be available so bring the family and come along for a rummage, a cup of tea and who knows what bargains!

Pam Quick

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS CHEER

There was a rumour that there were fairies at the bottom of the garden. Whose garden did I hear you ask? Not mine. But believe it or not, it was in the Nether Wallop Village Hall! Apparently these five fairies were off to a conference in Torquay. Trying to book rooms in the local hostelry was difficult because the Landlord, Basil Claus, and his inefficient porter, who only managed to answer with "Eh", were not aware as to their identity. Plenty of drink seemed to solve the problem. The audience obviously enjoyed it, including the refreshments and the drink. It was enacted by the Danebury Players, and written and directed by Tony Lydeard. This was followed by carols with audience participation. Watch this space for the pantomime in February.

Jackie Walker

WALLOP VALLEY FIELD CLUB

Programme of events for 2006.

Important dates for your diary. Meetings take place in the Wallops Parish Hall at 7.30p.m. unless indicated otherwise.

- Thur 26 Jan The Club's New Year Party and AGM. Visitors welcome. Refreshments, wine, soft drinks after brief annual business. Illustrated talk 'The Beehive' by John Harmison.
- Thur 23 Feb The Amazon and its wildlife. Illustrated lecture by Andrew Cleave MBE, Warden of Bramley Heath.
- Thur 30 Mar The Kingfisher and our Waterways - Colour film presentation by wildlife photographer Dennis Bright.
- Sun 23 Apr Bluebell Walk in nearby woodland led by Richard Ryder.
- Sun 21 May Visit to HCC Manor Farm: Junction 8 on M27. Meet in top car park at 11.30a.m.
- Sun 25 Jun Day outing: Montacute House (NT) and Ham Hill, Somerset.
- Sun 30 Jul Guided Downland Ramble, Beacon Hill near Warnford, Meon Valley. Led by Dr Jon Moon
- Thur 28 Sep Illustrated lecture: New finds in the Wallops - ancient coins, artefacts - by Peter Barker
- Thur 26 Oct Natural Quarry - Talk by photographer/author, David Boag, on nature's re-invasions.
- Thur 30 Nov Rona Brown's Animal Filmstars. Talk by Wallop resident, Chairman Animal Consultants and Trainers Association.
- TO JOIN: Subscriptions to RICHARD QUICK, TREASURER, THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE, ORANGE LANE, OVER WALLOP, HANTS SO20 8JB. Single : £5 Family : £10 (Cheques: Wallop Valley Field Club).

You can sign up at the AGM, or any meeting or anytime. For further information please phone Hon. Sec. Margaret Bowes 01264 781657

NETHER WALLOP PARISH COUNCIL

Extracts from the December meeting

Attendance: Cllrs. Beeley, Edwards, Rogers, Souter and Young and two members of the public.

Apologies: HCC Cllr. Woodhall, TVBC Cllr. Boulton, Cllr. Roach and Cllr. Whitaker.

Planning: a) 05/00851/LBWN installation of letter box, and 05/00892/LBWN erection of rear porch, The Old Hall, 10 Fifehead Manor, no objection.
b) 05/00916/FULLN erection of four carports together with refuse storage area, Fifehead Manor, no objection.
c) 05/00926/FULLN and 05/00882/LBWN erection of chimney, Rose Cottage, The Square, no objection.
d) 05/00906/TREEN reduce height of two Leylandii by 30%, The Rill, Church Road, no comment.
e) 05/00886/TREEN removal of two Cypress and one Picea tree, Coldstream, Middle Wallop, no comment.

Points from the floor: Dustbins outside the village hall – Mrs Mongor was concerned about the dustbins on the grass by the hall making access difficult. (**Action: Parish Clerk**).

Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Souter reported that there has been damage to fence panels at a house in Pound Road and several other incidents in surrounding villages and area. The play area at Over Wallop is now fenced off due to damage caused by vandals. He has done a summary, which will be reproduced on the Wallop website. The London hijacking of cars in car parks whereby the occupant steps out to retrieve a notice on the back windscreen and a person waiting steals the car was also reported. He urged parishioners to be aware that the police are warning house owners to leave on some lights if they go out over the Christmas period.

Highways: Cllr. Beeley reported that he has met with the Highways Officer who confirmed that the overgrowth in Farley Street would be cleared between now and the next meeting. The Highways schedule of work to be carried out will be prepared in the next week.

New Nether Wallop Village Hall Trust: Cllr. Rogers reported that several councillors had attended a recent meeting. There was general concern about the decaying state of the present hall and agreement that it is not feasible to re-build on the present site. However, selling the site with planning permission for a dwelling (plans for which parishioners would be able to see and approve in advance) would be the most financially advantageous. The possibility of providing lavatories and a small meeting room at the top of Church Road had been explored and may be pursued separately by the PCC and supported by church funds. It was suggested that the sports pavilion on the playing fields be re-furbished to provide showers and a new kitchen and that a small hall, adjoining, be built incorporating a badminton court and possibly a stage. Grants pertaining to sports would be sought.

Wallops Parish Hall: There was general concern about the slow momentum of progress with a joint hall and a timescale of approximately two years is probable due to various financial and feasibility explorations and the possibility of setting up a new charitable trust. Discussion ensued and the viability of two halls was questioned and also whether it would be possible that the Parish Hall Trust could be part of the Nether Wallop New Village Hall Trust to save another protracted application to the Charity Commission. The Nether Wallop New Village Hall Trust project would not impinge upon the joint hall project and grants would not conflict as the former would be sports related rather than a community hall facility.

Village Green: Cllr. Rogers reported that carol singing will take place this Saturday at 6.00p.m. and encouraged all to attend.

Date of next meeting: Monday 9 January at 7.30 p.m.

THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES PRODUCED FOR REVIEW BY THE PARISH COUNCILLORS PRIOR TO BEING APPROVED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Mrs. B. M. Grob
Clerk to the Parish Council (tel: 01264 781645)

WALLOPS PARISH HALL MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 21 NOVEMBER

Present: Cllrs. Keightley, Rogers, Cleife, Macey, Quick and Souter.

In addition, Cllr. Rogers gave notice that Cllr. Whitaker has resigned, due to other commitments.

Cllr. Rogers introduced two new Committee members from Nether Wallop: Cllr. Robin Edwards and Cllr. Jenny Young. Twenty one members of the public were present.

Matters Arising. A list was passed round for member of the public to note their names, area of interest in a future hall, and if they were prepared to be part of a temporary sub-committee.

Maintenance of the Hall. It was agreed that the holes in the car park should be filled in. Cllr. Macey considered that £30 worth of gravel would be sufficient. Cllr. Keightley reminded the committee that it was a condition of the renewed licence that the outside of all exterior doors should be repainted. After some discussion it was agreed that a colour as close as possible to the existing one should be used to save expense. Cllr. Keightley undertook to find a suitable match and it was agreed that these two pieces of work, along with the repair of the water heater in the ladies loo, approved at the previous meeting, should be put in hand. The caretaker had reported that there were two places where the roof had been leaking. Cllr. Macey suggested that a watch be kept on this problem at present.

Finance. Over Wallop PC has recently paid £300 into the Hall Account. Cllr. Rogers agreed that Nether Wallop would contribute £150 as their share after their next PC Meeting. The Treasurer, Cllr. Quick, had a number of points. The half yearly audit of the account is very expensive. However, she had spoken to Paul Reynolds, Auditor, and he agreed that it need not be paid at the moment. He would reassess the situation at year end in view of the fact that the account deals with small sums. There was also the possibility of exemption from the business rate (which could also potentially be backdated) and she was looking into whether the same might apply to the water rate.

Future Planning. Cllr. Keightley explained that the aim of this part of the meeting was to collect all suggestions for what might be included in the design of a future Parish Hall with a view to drawing up rough plans and obtaining outline costings, meanwhile investigating where we might go to obtain funding for this. To do this, three preliminary fact-finding sub-committees were set up, to be made up of members of the hall committee and of the public. These were: Rebuild (Cllrs. Cleife and Edwards); Refurbishment of the existing hall (Cllrs. Macey and Young); and Funding (Cllrs. Quick and Souter). A table was allocated to each sub-committee and members of the public were invited to gather round and express their views, the requirements of various clubs and societies and/or offer to help on one of the sub-committees. There was lively discussion at each of the sub-committee tables. The sub-committees were asked to gather enough information in order to report back at the next hall committee meeting in January.

The Hall Committee then resumed formal business, but there being no further business the meeting was again opened to public points from the floor.

Points from the Public. Cllr. Edwards said that, speaking in a personal capacity, he felt that the questionnaire should have been worded differently. It was explained that the questions had been imposed on us by the Chairman of the Public Meeting in February, Cllr. Boulton, TVBC Councillor for Nether Wallop. Mrs Mavis Lovell said that everyone was asking her what the value of the existing site was, so could she have a valuation. It was pointed out that a valuation on its own at this stage was inappropriate as it could not be compared with the cost of other sites. However, Cllr. Rogers felt that it was a question that could be answered and proposed that a rough valuation be sought. It emerged that Mr Robin Pearce had offered to give a very rough valuation, so Cllr. Keightley undertook to get this from him.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 23 January at 7.30p.m.

Patrick Keightley

NETHER WALLOP NEW VILLAGE HALL TRUST

The Charity Trustees held a meeting on 24 November which was also attended by several members of the Parish Council. After a general discussion the following factors were agreed by all those present:

- 1) The existing village hall is in an increasingly parlous state and needs a modern replacement as soon as possible. It is not worth spending large sums of money on it and there may come a time when it will have to be closed.
- 2) A replacement for the Wallops Parish Hall is under discussion as a joint venture with Over Wallop but any viable scheme is still a long way off. We cannot afford to keep our own plans on hold.
- 3) A scheme for creating a small meeting room with kitchen and lavatory facilities at the back of the church car park had been floated by Charles Rogers but it was felt this would not provide an adequate alternative to the village hall and could be pursued independently by the Church as a separate issue.
- 4) The Square is no longer a viable site for a new hall. Parking has become a major problem for even modest events. In the last year there have been two incidents where emergency services have been hampered and dangerously delayed. Any new hall must have space for a proper car park.
- 5) It has taken time and trouble to set up the New Village Hall Trust with the considerable benefit of charitable status and we are now in a strong position to move forward.

Five years ago there was a referendum held to determine where the Nether Wallop villagers would like to see a new hall built. The choice was between the present site in The Square, up on the playing fields or somewhere else if a site could be found. A large proportion voted for the playing field site as it was the most flexible and economically viable but a small majority (including me) favoured rebuilding in The Square as it was familiar and convenient.

All those present at the recent Trustees Meeting said, given the same choice now, they would overwhelmingly favour a new hall/pavilion using the playing field site.

Now, I would like to make a case for action.

The pavilion is structurally sound (at present) but is very basic. The kitchen is inadequate and there are no showers which limits its suitability for modern sporting use. We need to offer better facilities to attract more teams to justify paying the groundsman.

A well-designed modern building could incorporate a badminton court in a hall area and offer decent kitchen and toilet facilities which the tennis players could also use. It could have a stage with planned storage beneath for stacking chairs and containers. It could have glazed doors opening onto a paved area for summer entertaining. There are few restrictions on design as the area is open and flat and there is plenty of room for parking. The outlook is superb.

We would not have to buy the land and the sale of the site in the Square should largely finance the project. We should also be eligible for grants including some from sports organisations.

Finally, this project should not preclude any joint venture with Over Wallop over a larger combined hall. I see the two as serving separate needs and we would not be competing for the same grants. This would be a modest, flexible hall for about 80 people with a sporting emphasis. Above all I believe this is both practical and financially viable and if the village approved, could be achieved in a relatively short space of time. For the moment I would welcome any feedback on this and draw your attention to the following information.

Charles Rogers

The 1st Annual General Meeting of the Nether Wallop New Village Hall Trust is to be held on Thursday 5 January at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall.

All Nether Wallop parishioners are welcome to attend. According to the governing document the Founding Trustees hold office until the end of the first Annual General Meeting. They then have to stand down and they (or others) are elected by all those parishioners present at the meeting. There are four places for elected trustees. There is also one trustee appointed by the Parish Council and one appointed by the Danebury Players.

The present Trustees are:

Charles Rogers (Chairman)	Nigel Pond
Richard Donaldson (Treasurer)	Margaret Roach
John Duckworth	Jacqueline Walker

CALLING ALL CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGES.

We are sure you have all had a lovely time during the festive season of Christmas and we hope all your dreams came true. **WE** would like to thank **YOU** for giving so many toys, books, games and puzzles to the Toy Service in November. Our Discovery was absolutely packed and we had to shut the doors quickly to keep all the gifts in. We took them to the depot of SCRATCH in Southampton for the children of the area who would not have had even one present, if it had not been for your generosity. **Thank you all, for your thoughtful and kind gesture.**

May we wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and successful year in 2006.

Frederick and Joycelyn Gumn

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

On probably the coldest (but moonlit and beautiful) night of the winter so far, about 150 people braved the weather to watch Sheila and Alma Moulard jointly switch on the lights of Nether Wallop's very own Christmas tree. To music provided by Peter Barry, the St Andrew's choristers led the audience in a short carol singing. During an interval, helpers provided much appreciated delicious mulled wine.

As with previous events on the Green, it was a splendid opportunity for people of the village (and their visitors) to have an informal and happy get-together. At the conclusion, a collection raised £302, which is to be divided equally between the St Andrew's Church Organ Fund and the Village Green Fund. Many thanks to all the people who gave of their time and efforts to make this such a successful occasion.

Margaret Roach

LUNCHEON RECEPTION FOR THE QUEEN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

Are you going to celebrate your 80th birthday on 21 April 2006?

On Wednesday, 19 April 2006 The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh will host a reception and lunch at Buckingham Palace for some of those people who will be celebrating their 80th birthday on 21 April 2006.

A press release has been issued recently asking anyone living in Hampshire celebrating their 80th birthday on 21 April 2006 to contact the Lieutenancy Office. Invitations will be distributed on a pro-rata basis between the Lord-Lieutenant's office and ballots will be held locally to achieve the fairest possible spread throughout the country.

Application forms are available from: Mrs Lorraine Riley, Assistant Clerk to the Lieutenancy, Hampshire Lieutenancy Office, The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire SO23 8UJ. Email address: lorraine.riley@hants.gov.uk All applications must be returned to the Lieutenancy Office by Monday, 17 January 2006 and should enclose a copy of the applicant's birth certificate, so that eligibility can be verified.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We have not been fortunate this month, and have had one burglary and another that was prevented by the quick actions of the property's owner. Along with other incidents in Five Bells Lane, Nether Wallop and Broughton, the Police feel that our area has been targeted and may well continue to attract unwanted attention.

Please, take these simple steps to ensure your home is as safe as possible: do leave lights on; don't leave interesting belongings near to doors or windows; keep all doors locked and advise me or your nearest Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator if you are planning on going away. Please cancel milk and paper deliveries and arrange for any parcels to be taken back to the Post Office if you are planning on being away.

Please call the police if you have any suspicions that a burglary may be taking place (999 for a quick response). Phone: 0845 045 4545 and ask for the Force Enquiry Centre if you have any other information to pass on.

Ruth Cartwright tel: 781737

WALLOP PARISH NEWS - COVER ADVERTISEMENTS

Eileen Wilmott has been responsible for the co-ordination of the production of the covers for the Parish magazine in conjunction with BAS Printers and for encouraging firms to advertise in the magazine. She has been doing this for longer than anyone cares to remember. Indeed no one, including Eileen, can remember, but the general consensus is that it is between 30 and 40 years! Hers is a particularly important task as advertising revenue accounts for as much income for our two churches as do annual subscriptions. Now that Eileen has reached the age of 90, she has decided to give up these duties and has handed over to Pepe Keightley. The covers that are currently being produced for 2006 are Eileen's last although she will still be available to give advice and help to Pepe.

On behalf of the Parish News Committee and both Parochial Church Councils, I would like to offer Eileen our grateful thanks and appreciation for a job so well done over so many years.

Bob Pike

THE WALLOPS W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Wednesday 14 December twenty W.I. members and guests met for our annual Christmas party. As in previous years we opted to enjoy our meal in the familiar and festively decorated surroundings of St Peter's Church Hall provided this year by the highly recommended Chef-4-a-Day Jonathan - a fully qualified Rosette Chef. Unfortunately, due to the number of nasty flu viruses in the villages, three members had to cancel at the last minute but luckily their places were filled by guests who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. As coffee and clementines arrived we were delighted to discover that the magical Christmas party promised by the W.I. programme was fulfilled in the form of a young man called Jack Munn whose skills as a magician making balls and fruit appear and disappear charmed us all and provided a wonderfully entertaining conclusion to our year. Pass the parcel followed with gifts for everyone and the evening was complete. We departed full of fabulous food and Christmas cheer.

A big thank you to all the committee members who helped decorate the hall in the afternoon and everyone who worked so hard to make the evening such a success. A Happy New Year to you all.

We look forward to an interesting and varied programme for 2006. Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 11 January at 7.30 p.m. with a talk on the fascinating subject of genealogy - how to get started by Mr Pollikett. For existing members the competition will be an heraldic motto and the exhibition will be a family photo. If you are new to the villages or looking to meet new friends why not come along? The W.I. has a lot to offer and would be happy to welcome new members and visitors to any of our monthly meetings at St Peter's Church Hall in Over Wallop. If you would like to know more please feel free to contact Pam Quick (President) on 781292 or Shirley Mongor (Secretary) on 782151. We look forward to seeing you.

Pam Quick.

Wed 4	Evergreens	2.00p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Thurs 5	Wallop Artists Nether Wallop New Village Hall Trust	7.30p.m. 7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall Nether Wallop Village Hall
Mon 9	Nether Wallop Parish Council Over Wallop Parish Council	7.30p.m. 8.00p.m.	Nether Wallop Village Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Wed 11	Wallops W.I.	7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall
Thurs 12	MOBILE LIBRARY		
Fri 13	Busy Fingers	10.00a.m.	Grateley Village Hall
Wed 18	Evergreens	2.00p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Sat 21	Wallops W.I. Jumble Sale	2.00p.m. - 4.00p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall (see notice)
Mon 23	Wallops Parish Hall Committee Meeting	7.30p.m.	Wallops Parish Hall
Thurs 26	MOBILE LIBRARY		
Thurs26 Fri27 Sat 28	Broughton Amateur Dramatic Group Robinson Crusoe	7.30p.m. 7.30p.m. 2.30p.m. & 7.30p.m.	Broughton Village Hall (see advert)

Weekly Events

Mon	Wallop Artists Workshop Dog Training Wallops Fellowship	2.00p.m. - 5.00p.m. 6.30p.m. - 8.30p.m. 7.30p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall Wallops Parish Hall Over Wallop Church Hall
Tue	Brownies Guides Dog and Puppy Training	6.00p.m. - 7.30p.m. 7.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall Over Wallop Church Hall Wallops Parish Hall
Wed	Rainbows Dog Training Wallops Fellowship	5.30p.m. - 7.00p.m. 7.00p.m. - 9.00p.m. 7.30 p.m.	AAC Community Centre Wallops Parish Hall For venue - 781294
Fri	Wallop Under Fives Group	9.30a.m. - 11.30a.m. a.m.	Over Wallop Church Hall